

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Applicant : R. F. BARNARD, ET AL.  
Serial No. : N/A  
Filed : Herewith  
  
Examiner : SUSANNA M. MEINECKE DIAZ  
Group : 3623  
  
Entitled : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ONGOING SUPPORTING  
A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
SYSTEM  
Docket No. : END919990119US2

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed prior to examination in the  
above identified application, which is a divisional of S/N  
09/444,256 filed 11/22/1999.

Claims 10-11, 18, 20, and 23 are in the case.

Please amend the above cited application as follows: